

REMARKS

The Abstract has been rewritten and shortened and a Substitute Specification provided to clarify language, and correct typographical errors. No new mater is involved. Figure 15 is amended to remove the notation of "Prior Art" as suggested in the prior Office Action of the parent application. The Substitute Specification corresponds to that filed in parent application Serial No. 09/151,353. A marked-up copy of the original specification is also enclosed.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Attachments: Marked-up copy of original specification